

GUIDE TO LIBRARY SYSTEM SERVICES 2001 - 2002

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Fifth Circuit Library System consists of the headquarters library in New Orleans and ten branch or "satellite" libraries throughout Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Satellite librarians may serve a wide area including remote locations within their district. A list of satellite librarians and their respective territories is provided on the following page. If a satellite librarian directly serves your location, you may consult that librarian for most of your library needs. If you are not directly served by a satellite librarian, or if that librarian is unavailable, call the headquarters library in New Orleans.

The library system serves all federal court personnel throughout the fifth circuit. The majority of library services go to judges and their staff in the maintenance of chambers libraries and assistance with legal research and reference materials.

Library services are typically divided into two categories: Technical Services and Public Services. A description of the types of services offered by each division is included in this guide. Each division has its own telephone and fax number.

A complete directory of the library system, including all names, addresses, and Email addresses appears at the end of this document.

LIBRARY PUBLIC SERVICES

Phone (504) 310-7797

FAX (504) 310-7578

8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

The public services division of the library system serves the judicial staff throughout the circuit in addition to the local bar and general public. A major public service function involves the coordination of Computer-Assisted-Legal-Research (CALR). Public services staff assist court staff with Westlaw and LEXIS-NEXIS for acquiring passwords, software, research tips, and coordinating training. Fifth Circuit librarians also have expertise in using non-legal resources, such as Dialog, OCLC, CD-Rom resources, internet and intranet resources, and WEBCAT, the library's online catalog. The public services division is also responsible for compiling and maintaining the Fifth Circuit archives.

Library public services staff work closely with Systems Librarian Paul Wallace to make sure electronic information resources are updated and accessible to court researchers. Reference librarians compile many current awareness resources to court staff and the public.

You can access the library's public internet site at <http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov>. The library's internal (judiciary staff only) intranet site is: <http://library.circ5.dcn>.

TYPES OF PUBLIC SERVICES PROVIDED:

ONLINE LIBRARY CATALOG (WEBCAT)

The public services staff can assist you with any questions you have about the Online Library Catalog, called WEBCAT. The catalog is available as a link from <http://156.124.12.35/uhtbin/webcat>.

The following directions will help you create a desktop icon that will quickly link you to WEBCAT, the library's online catalog.

In Netscape...4.5 and above

1. From <http://library.circ5.dcn>
2. Right-click the link named "Search the Catalog"
3. Choose Create Shortcut
4. Click Ok
5. An Icon will be placed on your desktop

In Internet Explorer...4.0 and above

1. From <http://library.circ5.dcn>
2. Click the link named "Search the Catalog"
3. On the new page Right-click on any BLANK area and choose "Create Shortcut"
4. A dialog box will display, choose "OK"

-or-

Choose File/Send ---> Shortcut To Desktop from the File menu item

LIBRARY INTERNET/ INTRANET SITES

The library designs and maintains its own internet and intranet sites. Library Systems Manager Paul Wallace is the chief architect of the sites and their design. Paul also designs and maintains the court's internet web site. All library staff help ensure the currency of the content and the relevancy of the resources.

Your comments or suggestions on the sites would be very much appreciated. Send them to Paul_Wallace@ca5.uscourts.gov.

WESTLAW FIND AND PRINT

On the library's intranet home page, there is a link called *Find and Print*. This leads to a template where you can list up to six case cites. You can then choose to print each case, Keycite the case, or find the case history. The page then utilizes transparent authentication to log onto Westlaw and deliver the results directly to your printer. You do not need to log into Westlaw- a special library password is entered for you. This link allows you to use Westlaw almost as you would a bound reporter and photocopier.

BIBLIONOTES

The library newsletter is issued bimonthly throughout the circuit. BIBLIONOTES keeps readers informed about new resources, provides updates about computer-assisted-legal-research (CALR) such as Westlaw, LEXIS-NEXIS, and other online sources; internet research guides; and recent acquisitions. BIBLIONOTES markets the services provided by all librarians in the system. If you're too busy to read the whole newsletter, at least check the table of contents for research tips that may save you time.

BIBLIONOTES is also available on the court's intranet site under *Publications*. The electronic version is in PDF format. There is a link on the dcn site to download Adobe Acrobat onto your system if you cannot read PDF files.

In 1998, BIBLIONOTES received the first Excellence In Marketing Award presented by the American Association of Law Libraries for "Best Newsletter."

CONTENTS PAGES FROM JOURNALS AND LAW REVIEWS RECEIVED

The library subscribes to the University of Washington's Current Index to Legal Periodicals, which lists the content pages of hundreds of major law reviews and legal journals. A link to these contents pages is available on the library's Intranet site.

You may also be able to subscribe to a personal profile of your subject interests. Your satellite librarian can help you construct the profile. This results in a customized bibliography sent to your email address on a regular basis.

You can request copies of articles from either the contents pages online or your personal clipping service by contacting your satellite librarian or calling the headquarters library in New Orleans at (504) 310-7797.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

A list of items recently received at the headquarters library in New Orleans, is part of the library newsletter, BIBLIONOTES. You can also check the most recent acquisitions by using the library's online catalog, WebCat, at <http://156.124.12.35/uhtbin/webcat>.

GUIDE TO LIBRARY SERVICES

Updated every summer and distributed throughout the circuit with the autumn issue of Biblionotes. This guide is also available online on both the internet and intranet pages.

LIBRARY PATHFINDERS

Available at the reference desk in New Orleans to assist law clerks and other library users in locating frequently used materials and researching commonly confronted issues, such as Medical Malpractice and Maritime Law. These pathfinders are also available online under *Publications*.

INTERNET SITES OF INTEREST TO LEGAL RESEARCHERS

These resources are updated regularly, providing active links to internet addresses of general interest, specialized federal sites, federal judiciary sites, Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi sites, forms, sites advertising legal employment, and search engine and people finder sites. These links are available on both the intranet and internet pages under *Online Research*.

LINKS TO FIFTH CIRCUIT NEWSPAPERS ON THE WEB

_____The library maintains a current and active set of links to Fifth Circuit newspapers available on the web that may not be available on Westlaw and LEXIS-NEXIS. This set of links is available online under *Newspaper Links*.

ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA ONLINE

_____Available in the library section of the court's intranet site or <http://www.britannica.com>. This resources gives all court staff throughout the circuit access to the full encyclopedia from any court office computer. Note: Some online resources available to court staff are only accessible through computer systems residing in court offices. They may not work from home.

OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY

The judiciary has licensed access to the online version of the Oxford Unabridged English Dictionary. This resource can be accessed from any computer connected to the court data communications network. No password is necessary. The dictionary can be found at <http://dictionary.oed.com/>. There is a link to this resource on the library's home page.

HISTORY OF THE JOHN MINOR WISDOM UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS BUILDING

In addition to maintaining the Fifth Circuit Archives, the public services division updates and distributes a history of the magnificent courthouse building at 600 Camp Street. A copy of this document is available on both the internet and intranet pages under *History of the Fifth Circuit*.

The history section of the library's page also has links to biographies of judges and the Fifth Circuit Archives collection.

The Circuit Executive's Office, in conjunction with the Public Buildings Service section of the General Services Administration, recently produced an impressive brochure entitled "John Minor Wisdom United States Court of Appeals Building." For information about the brochure contact the Circuit Executive's office at (504) 310-7777

CIRCUIT LIBRARY BUSINESS PLAN

This business plan describing existing and future library services was presented by the Circuit Librarian at the 1999 Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference in Houston. The plan describes existing library operations as well as future projections. The updated plan is currently available in the publications section of the intranet and internet sites.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

_____The library system consists of highly skilled information professionals with expertise in research on Westlaw, LEXIS-NEXIS, the DIALOG databases, OCLC bibliographic databases and OCLC's Interlibrary Loan subsystem, internet, intranet, and the integrated library system (ILS) SIRSI. Do not hesitate to contact your satellite librarian or the headquarters library in New Orleans for assistance with your research projects. We even remember how to use books!!

PUBLIC ACCESS TERMINALS

Computer systems are located in all libraries of the Fifth Circuit for court staff to use. The terminals provide access to Westlaw, LEXIS-NEXIS, internet, word processing, and CD-ROM resources. If you are in New Orleans for court, and you didn't bring your Westlaw or LEXIS I.D. with you, ask the reference librarian for a temporary I.D.

LIBRARY TECHNICAL SERVICES

Camp St. Room 106, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Phone (504) 310-7798

FAX (504) 310-7582

8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

TYPES OF TECHNICAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO COURT STAFF:

- Purchasing law books
- Administration of WEBCAT, the online library catalog
- Cancellation, donation, transfer of law books or subscriptions
- Binding of periodicals and law reviews
- Cataloging of headquarters and satellite library materials
- Excess law books list
- Judges Book Fund
- Inventories of chambers collections
- Missing volumes, replacements, or partial subscriptions
- Publishers; information, problems, acquisitions
- Administration and maintenance of SIRSI, the integrated library system, and LAWMAN, the in-house inventory system.

CHAMBERS COLLECTION GUIDELINES

An updated version of chambers collection guidelines will be made available on the library's dcn site. Any current directives from the Administrative Office, as well as local law book guidelines established by the Fifth Circuit will be available. The site will provide links to sections of the Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures which outline law book acquisition policies.

PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING MATERIALS FOR PURCHASE

In 2001 an ad hoc committee appointed by the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council studied the use of lawbooks in chambers. In May 2001 the Council approved the resulting chambers core collection guidelines. These guidelines are available on the library's intranet site under *Publications*. Judiciary-wide guidelines governing the procurement of law books for judges' chambers are outlined in The Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures, Vol. 1B, Chapter 8, Section M. The librarians of the Fifth Circuit are experienced in following these guidelines and can assist you with understanding them. The Guide is available electronically on the J-Net.

<http://jnet.ao.dcn>

The technical services staff of the headquarters library order new and replacement titles and generate renewal orders. The automated lawbook procurement system, SIRSI's Workflows, maintains inventories for all court library holdings.

Requests for new materials need to be forwarded to your satellite librarian who will consolidate the requests and forward them to the headquarters library in New Orleans. If you are not directly served by a satellite librarian, you may send your requests to Head of Technical Services Anne G. Middleton. Ms. Middleton administers the processing of all lawbook requests.

Library policy excludes acceptance of materials on an "approval plan", where vendors send items directly to chambers who have a certain number of days to reject or accept the item.

When a requested title is received, you need to notify headquarters of receipt so that a voucher can be sent to the district court for payment. Federal Public Defenders offices will be sent invoices for materials they requested from headquarters. Invoices for the FPD requested materials must be paid by their own disbursing office.

To accommodate all court staff requests for new titles in a timely fashion, a request should be sent via FAX or email to your satellite librarian or to the Head of Technical Services at the headquarters library in New Orleans.

The following information is essential for processing a request:

- as complete a title as possible
- author's name
- publisher's name

Other information that helps to expedite a request is:

- current price, if known
- edition statement or year of publication

Once verification of a request is completed, a purchase order is created. One copy of the purchase order will be sent to the person who requested the material. This copy will be stamped "Please Sign & Return to Library Upon Receipt of Material." It is necessary that this copy be signed and returned to the Technical Services division. Procurement guidelines specify that payment to the publisher can only be made if material is received.

If, after a reasonable amount of time, the material requested has not been received, you should notify Technical Services to initiate the claiming process.

Again, if you are directly served by a satellite librarian, you should coordinate lawbook requests through the librarian. If not, contact the headquarters library, Technical Services division, directly.

REPLACEMENT VOLUMES

When you receive a replacement volume be sure to read the instruction sheet that comes with it. The instructions will clearly state what to keep, what to throw away, and what the set should contain.

PACKING LISTS

It is necessary to check the packing list against the contents of the shipped package. Before throwing away a packing list be sure the address is to the right person, that the right number of copies were sent, and that the material was not a duplicate of something already received. If any of these problems occur with the shipment, please send the packing list to your satellite librarian. If you should receive an invoice or if a packing list serves as an invoice be sure to send it to your librarian.

RENEWALS

Publishers will send out annual renewal notices for their publications to the headquarters library. Copies of these notices are sometimes sent to chambers. To deter generating duplicate subscriptions, please do not mail the renewal notices back to the publishers. Any renewal notice that is sent to chambers should be re-routed to the headquarters library so records can be reviewed and renewal of a subscription can be assured.

Once a year, a list of subscriptions that were renewed during the fiscal year will be sent to each chambers. This list should be reviewed for two reasons: first, to be sure the material ordered is being received; and second, it is a chance to decide what titles will be renewed and which will be canceled.

The renewal list must be returned to Anne Middleton, Head of Technical Services in New Orleans by the due date assigned. It is important that it is returned in a timely fashion so all the necessary transactions can take place before the beginning of the next fiscal year. Those chambers directly served by a satellite library can coordinate this project with their local librarian.

PROPERTY STAMPED MATERIALS

All material purchased through government funds for the judge's chamber library needs to be stamped with the government property stamp.

COMPLIMENTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Some publishers will offer complimentary subscriptions of their publications to judges. If the judge decides to accept a complimentary title it is necessary to stamp it with the government Property stamp and to notify the librarian. These titles will then be added to the judge's inventory, and facilitate claiming missing issues.

It is important that you understand West Publishing Co.'s policy on complimentary copies. When West offers a judge a complimentary subscription it is offered with the condition that the judge will also have a paid subscription for the same set. In other words, West is offering two sets for the price of one. Also, if the paid subscription is canceled, the complimentary subscription will automatically be canceled although it is possible to maintain a paid subscription without a complimentary one.

Because of West's current policy of complimentary copies for certain reporters, the decision to accept West's offer should be weighed seriously. Some factors to consider in making this decision is the availability of space in your chambers library for these rapidly growing reporters, their availability from your satellite library, or their accessibility online through Westlaw.

LIBRARY SYSTEM PERSONNEL

NEW ORLEANS HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY

**600 Camp St., Room 106
New Orleans LA 70130**

Library Public Services / Administration

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Cheryl M. Duthu, Property and Procurement Administrator 310-7729
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SATELLITE LIBRARIES PERSONNEL

LOUISIANA

BATON ROUGE

(225) 389-0595 FAX 382-2191
Maralena Murphy, Librarian
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Russell B. Long Courthouse and Federal Building
777 Florida Street, Suite G-76
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801

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LAFAYETTE

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SHREVEPORT

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Marian Drey, Librarian

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